

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 23 wherein said fastener receiving surface is formed with said second edge region of said second board, said moisture drainage channel and said fastener receiving surface being located to opposite sides of said interlocked joint separated from one another by said first locking part of said first edge region and said second locking part of said second edge region of said first and second boards respectively.

17. (Currently amended) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim ~~14~~ 23 wherein said moisture drainage channel has a channel base wall which is formed by said bottom surface of said second edge region of said second board.

18. (Previously presented) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 17 wherein, said fastener receiving surface also being formed by said bottom surface of said second edge region, said channel base and said fastener receiving surface being separated from one another by said upward projection.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 16 wherein said fastener receiver surface comprises a projecting fin having openings there through at regular spaced intervals along said fin.

22. (Previously presented) A plastic panel assembly as claimed in claim 21 wherein said opening in said fin have an elongated oval shape.

23. (New) A plastic panel assembly formed by at least first and second plastic boards secured at an interlocked joint of said first and second boards, each of said boards having a construction comprising a main body portion with a top surface, a bottom surface, a first edge region and a second edge region, said first edge region having a top surface which is a continuation of the top surface of the main body portion and also having a first locking part, said second edge region having a bottom surface which is a continuation of the bottom surface of the main body portion and also having a second locking part, said interlocked joint being formed by engagement of said first locking part of said first edge region of the first board with said second locking part of said second edge region of said second board, said assembly including both a moisture drainage channel and a mechanical fastener receiving surface which are separated from one another at said interlocked joint, said first locking part of said first edge region includes a recessed region which faces downwardly, said second locking part of said second edge region comprises an upward projection from said bottom surface of said second edge region, said first locking part of first edge region is interlocked with said upward projection of said second locking part of said second edge region, said moisture drainage channel has a channel roof and said first edge region includes a laterally extending head portion which locks with said channel roof, said channel roof includes a notch and wherein said laterally extending head has a tooth that rocks upwardly into said notch.

24. (New) A resin deck board having a top surface with a plurality of water drainage channels spaced from one another extending axially of said board in said top surface, said top surface also including a plurality of feed channels which are angled relative to and which intersect with said drainage channels, said drainage channels penetrating to a depth

at least as great as that of said feed channels into said top surface of said board, at least some of said feed channels extend from side to side across said deck board, at least some of said feed channels intersect with all of said drainage channels, said feed channels include a set of first feed channels extending in a first direction across said top surface of said board and a second set of feed channels extending in a second direction across said top surface of said board, at least some of said first feed channels intersecting with at least some of said second feed channels in said top surface of said board, said first and second feed channels form a diamond pattern in said top surface of said board, and said deck board includes a plurality of raised grip ribs extending axially of said board between said drainage channels.

25. (New) A deck board as claimed in claim 24 including troughs between said raised grip ribs, said feed channels intersecting with said troughs.